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Applicants: Funda et al.

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Serial No.: 09/595,186

Group Art Unit: 3737

Filed: June 16, 2000

Examiner: None Assigned

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUGMENTATION OF ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION TO REVIVE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment (Abandonment Notice), mail dated May 6, 2002, confirmation number 6794, the Applicants respectfully request that their Application for Letters Patent (Application), captioned above, be revived. The Abandonment Notice was sent because "no reply was received" in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Applications (Missing Parts Notice) mailed on September 1, 2000, copy attached.

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The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to paragraph 1.137 (b) was unintentional.

The Missing Parts Notice required the basic statutory fee, currently \$710, and a late filing fee of \$130.

The Applicants maintain that no terminal disclaimer is required under 37 CFR 1.137(d) because the present application was filed after June 8, 1995.

A petition to revive fee set forth under section 1.17(m) is authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 09-0468.

The fees required by the Missing Parts Notice also are authorized to be charged to this Deposit Account.

The Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claims of the present application, as filed.

Although no other fees are thought to be due, any other necessary and appropriate fee needed to further prosecute this Application, except the issue fee, is authorized to be charged to this Deposit Account. The Examiner is invited to call the Applicant('s) attorney at the below telephone number for an interview that might help in the prosecution of this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence comprising:

1. Acknowledgment Postcard

2. Petition to Revive Under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)

3. Notice of Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.53 (f) or (g)

4. Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 820.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (f) OR (g)

The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 09/01/2000.

No reply was received.

A petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.137 may be filed requesting that the application be revived.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of UNAVOIDABLE DELAY must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay; (2) the required reply to the aboveidentified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(I); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of UNINTENTIONAL DELAY must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the aboveidentified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Any questions concerning petitions to revive should be directed to "Office of Petitions" at (703) 305-9282.

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